

## Message Text

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ACTION NEA-12

INFO OCT-01 ADP-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-09 NSAE-00 PA-03

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FM AMCONSUL BOMBAY

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3667

INFO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI PRIORITY

AMCONSUL CALCUTTA

AMCONSUL MADRAS

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E. O. 11652 N/ A

TAGS: ENRG, IN

SUBJECT: FIRE AT ESSO REFINERY

1. FIRE OCCURRED ESSO REFINERY BOMBAY MARCH 8, DESTROYING THREE STORAGE TANKS AND ABOUT 800 TONS FUEL. ESSO OFFICIAL NANIK VASWANI INFORMS US ASSESSMENT DAMAGE NOT COMPLETE SINCE TANKS AND SURROUNDING AREA STILL TOO HOT TO ENTER BUT HE APPEARED CONFIDENT DAMAGE WOULD NOT SIGNIFICANTLY EXCEED PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT. CAUSE OF FIRE NOT YET DETERMINED BUT VASWANI SAID IT DEFINITELY NOT RPT NOT SABOTAGE.

2. VASWANI EMPHASIZED THAT FIRE WILL NOT DISRUPT REFINERY OPERATION. REFINERY HAD CONTINUED OPERATE THROUGHOUT THE FIRE, WHICH LASTED SEVERAL HOURS.

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\*\*\* Current Handling Restrictions \*\*\* n/a

\*\*\* Current Classification \*\*\* LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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